

HEALTH MEETING FOR DECEMBER 4

SECOND ANNUAL HEALTH CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD IN LANSING.

Lansing is making extensive preparations to receive hundreds of health officers, public health nurses, physicians and faculty members of the medical colleges who will attend the second annual health conference to be held here December 4 to 8, inclusive, under the auspices of the Michigan Department of Health and Michigan Public Health Association.

Invitations went out this week from the department of health to every health worker in Michigan. Early indications are that 1000 will attend the conference.

This year's plan is similar to that of the first conference held here last year. It is designed as a short course of intensive training in public health work. The program will include lectures on the various communicable diseases, rural health problems, quarantine and the legal aspects of public health. Child welfare work, under the provisions of the Shepard-Towner law, including the prevention of gonorrhea, will receive emphasis.

"Every health officer in Michigan should avail himself of the opportunity for practical instruction in the important and responsible work he is doing," says Dr. R. M. Olin, state health commissioner. "Local public health work is very largely an index to the civic pride of any community, and the health officer is an official whose economic value has been clearly demonstrated. Preventing disease, reducing the number of deaths, and enforcing sanitary laws are such obviously worthwhile activities, that the importance of giving a health officer every opportunity for increasing his efficiency need not be emphasized."

Special outside features are being arranged for the visiting delegates. National health authorities, as well as foremost men and women of the state will appear on the speaking program.

TOWNSEND WAS SPEAKER HERE AT BIG MEET

(Continued from page one) each of which add to the cost and subtract from the profits to the producer. Senator Townsend was the originator of the Great Lakes Canal idea and has been the champion of it in Congress.

Senator Townsend has served the people of the state of Michigan for practically twenty years, eight years as representative in Congress and twelve years as senator. During that time he has demonstrated his ability and integrity so well that he now has the entire confidence of his colleagues and has been made chairman of the committee on Post offices and Post roads as well as a member of some of the other most important committees in the Senate. His address showed that he was familiar with the large problems that our country is facing, that he has given them study and careful thought, and consequently is in a better position to render valuable service to the people of the state of Michigan than ever before.

Honorable Joseph W. Fordney, retiring congressman from this district, and chairman of the Ways and Means committee, was the last speaker on the program and he discussed, at considerable length, the provisions of the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill which becomes a law this year. Mr. Fordney called attention to the provisions of that bill and especially to the propaganda and misrepresentation that has been sent abroad by certain importers whose profits will be decreased when the bill becomes a law. Mr. Fordney did not mince matters. He gave certain facts and data with regard to importation and profits upon imported goods which were astonishing. They would convince thinking people that there should be some steps taken to protect not only the American manufacturer but the American buyers as well.

Congressman Fordney has given long service to the people of Michigan. He is a plain man who has made a careful common sense study of conditions from the standpoint of the best interests of the common people, hence we may accept his discussion of the tariff problem as opinion founded upon long experience and intimate knowledge of the facts.

In closing Mr. Fordney spoke in highest terms of the ability of Bird J. Vincent who has been chosen by the people of the district at the primaries as the Republican candidate to succeed Mr. Fordney. Mr. Vincent was unable to be at the Alma meeting because he was called to Durand to fill an evening engagement for another speaker who was unable to fill it.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas, the Angel of Death has visited our Review, and taken from us a beloved sister, Mrs. Homer Dunham, and we believe Our Father who has seen fit to bereave us, doeth all things well, be it

Resolved, that we, the members of Alma Review No. 46, Women's Benefit Association, do hereby tender to the family of our deceased sister our sincere sympathy in this, our common loss.

Mrs. Phoebe Gilkins, Mrs. Neva Sartor, Mrs. Nora Gais.

Buy of Record Advertisers and save money—advertisement.

Local News

A. W. Davis is in Saginaw on business this week.

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers—advertisement.

Russell Gaffney who is attending college in Ann Arbor was home over Sunday.

Romaine Clark of Ithaca attended the Mt. Pleasant-Alma High football game here Friday.

Bert Eckert of Lansing, a former resident of this city, was in Alma on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Dunlop, of Detroit, visited her sister, Mrs. Sylvia Gaffney, from Monday until Thursday.

Rev. Roy Hamilton of Alma College supplied at the Presbyterian church in Ionia on Sunday.

Dean J. E. Mitchell is in Grand Rapids this week in attendance at the State Teachers' Association.

Romaine Clark of Ithaca attended the Ypsilanti Normal-Alma College football game here on Saturday.

Professor F. E. West of Alma College is attending the State Teachers' Association at Cadillac this week.

Dr. E. G. Sluyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones—advertisement.

Mr. B. S. Walker of Alma, has gone to Moywood, Ill., where he will spend the winter with his daughter.

George E. Sharrar and wife left Saturday for Illinois where they will visit Mrs. Sharrar's parents for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hansen are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, which arrived at their home at 7:00 a. m. this morning.

The Pythian Sister Club will meet with Mrs. A. B. Scattergood, Tuesday evening, October 31st. Bring your needles and thimbles.

Mrs. John Andrews and little son of Bay City spent the week-end in Alma, guests of her sisters, the Misses Anna and Margaret Fredrick.

Mrs. Nancy Wolfe and Tom Bartlett left Friday morning for Flushing where they will join Mr. and Mrs. George Love and drive to Florida.

Mrs. Sylvia Gaffney returned Monday night from Chicago where she went to meet her mother and sister, Miss Lettie Kerr, from San Francisco, California.

Zeta Sigma Society of Alma College is planning on holding its annual banquet on Saturday evening, Nov. 11, following the annual game with Albion College.

The Eastern Star will give a Halloween party and box social at the Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Oct. 27, at 7:30 p. m. Members of the chapter and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Church and son left Monday morning for Florida. They expect to meet Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Love of Flushing and Mrs. Nancy Wolfe and Tom Bartlett in St. Johns and all make the trip together.

BRANCH BANKS ARE SEEN BY ROGER BABSON

(Continued from page one) most a death blow to what little new foreign trade we had. Thus, the banks' hopes in this regard are not very sanguine at the moment. Another attempt has shown itself in the organization of separate "Investment" companies and separate "Acceptance" companies. These have been organized by many of the larger banks and most of them are operating successfully. Banks are finding these Investment companies more profitable at the moment than their foreign trade adventure.

The banks are gradually coming to the opinion, however, that they can recover their influence with the country districts only with organization of branch banks. Hence, there is a drive at present to have the National Bank Laws amended so that a city bank can own a system of branch banks in the surrounding cities and towns. Whether or not this is in line with Democracy, is a very debatable question; but the drive is on and my guess is that such branch banks are as inevitable as the chain store.

"All the banking systems of Europe are developed on the 'branch bank' idea. The big banks of England, France, and Germany have their branches in hundreds of cities and towns. One of the finest branch systems in the world exists in Canada, just over the United States line. In Montreal there are several big banks, and each of these have from one hundred to three hundred branches in different Canadian cities and towns. As already stated, I doubt seriously whether the branch bank system is as good for the country as the present system. On the other hand, we know that the present tendency of eliminating the small farmer and substituting the renter in place of the owner is not for the good of the country. The development of chain store systems which are slowly crowding out the individual retailer is not for the good of the country.

"One Christmas Mr. Henry Ford sent me an autographed photograph on which he wrote these words: 'Eliminate absentee ownership and industrial problems will solve themselves.' He is correct in that absentee ownership is a present difficulty with our industrial organizations. As the chain store grows, a similar difficulty will develop which we do not now have with our individual retail system, and as a system of branch banks grows, there will be that same difficulty with our banking system. Yet I believe these changes are inevitable. Branch banks will be established throughout the country, and Congress will enact such legislation as is needed to make this possible."

"Mr. Babson was then asked what the effect of this would be on bank stocks and he replied that it

JUST KIDS—Her Ring

By Ad Carter



should be a benefit to bank stocks. There are enough banks in the country districts at the present time. Hence, the city banks will be wise enough not to start new ones to serve as their branches. Instead, the city banks will buy control of the better country banks. This will develop a new and active market for country bank stocks. Small banks in growing communities will be in special demand. Their stocks sell on the 'book value' without any consideration of the value of 'good will'. As soon as city banks bid against one another for the country banks, the good will feature will at once be of value. With banks of small capital stock this will become a valuable asset. Banks which have a small capital stock and banks which have a virtual monopoly of the banking interests in a community, will be in special demand. A community that has four banks, will have these four banks purchased by four big city banks so that each of the four big city banks will have a branch in the smaller city. When, however, there is only one bank in the community the four big city banks will compete and bid against one another for the stock of this one bank. The stock of many of these small banks, which today can be bought around par, may later be purchased by some city bank at \$200 to \$250 a share. All the country banks need to do to bring about these conditions is to buy good securities, avoid risks, and keep themselves in a strong position. The city banks will be willing to pay a good price for good will and will want to be sure that the assets are sound and that the bank has not many lame ducks."

General business as reflected in the Babsonchart continues to improve. Its present position—but 3% below normal. The highest point in two years.

Big M. A. C.

Short Course

That there should be a record-breaking enrollment of students for the special sixteen-weeks course in general agriculture which opens at the Michigan Agricultural College October 30 was indicated here this week by the advance registrations for the "short course" school.

Economic conditions which have made it impossible for many young men to enroll in the regular four year agricultural courses at M. A. C., have served to bring the short course into special demand this year. The short courses give condensed and practical information on various agricultural subjects. Nearly a dozen other special courses, ranging from one to twelve weeks in length, start later in the fall and winter.

Catalog and full information may be had by writing to E. B. Hill, Director of Winter Courses, M. A. C., East Lansing, Michigan.

AUTOMOBILE STOLEN

Wednesday evening while he was appearing in Justice Joseph L. Biggerstaff's justice court room on Woodward avenue, Attorney Ralph Goggin left his automobile, a Dodge sedan, parked in front of the court, and when he came out to claim it the car could not be located.

Some thief, real nifty, had come up within just a few feet of the door leading into the justice court and made off with the automobile, according to indications. It was still parked in front of the justice court, five minutes before Attorney Goggin went for it, according to one party who claimed to have seen it at that time.

Word has been sent to police in other cities to be on the watch for the missing sedan.

GULF STREAM CHANGING

Is the Gulf Stream changing its course? The question is asked by many and there have been answers—Yes and No. The "Yes" comes from sailors and mariners, men who travel the sea, men who may be expected to know something of the ocean and its vagaries. They are not the old-time ignorant sailors, filled with superstition as depicted in the old story books. They are men of knowledge and observation.

The "No" comes from men of science—men who can sit in a laboratory and prove their theories. They are the same kind of men who proved unerringly that a heavier than air machine could never be made to fly; who demonstrated a few years ago to a certainty that a baseball

could not be made to curve—that it was an optical illusion. They have proven any number of things just as surely and then the scientists have been proven wrong.

At any rate, the East coast of the United States has been enjoying weather that closely approaches that of the West coast, which latter is admittedly caused by the Japan current, the Pacific counterpart of the Gulf Stream. And the changing current gives the most reasonable explanation yet offered.

UNDER-SHERIFF EARL WILLERT GIVES IDEAS OF SHERIFF'S DUTIES

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Amount paid to Sheriff and deputies 1911-12 1921-22

\$4,786.37 \$5,027.47

Amount collected from criminals and turned in to County 1911-12 1921-22

Treasury \$ 63.38 \$6,445.37

1911 1921 1912 1922

Number of convictions for crimes which are punishable by terms in States Prisons

Classified as follows: Violation of liquor law 1 46

Forgery 2 4 Bigamy 1 1

False pretense 1 6 Statutory rape 1 6

Sending threatening letter through mail 1 6

Unlawful cohabitation 6 3

Unlawful use of automobile 3 6

Passing bad checks 6 2

Crimes against nature 2 1

Attempted rape 1 5

Larceny 5 5

Burglary 5 5

Indecent liberties 1 1

Embezzlement 1 1

Contributing to the delinquency of a female child 1 1

Bastardy 1 1

Adultery 1 1

In addition there was a case of first degree murder in the period from 1921-1922 which did not go through the Circuit Court on account of the age of the Respondent.

These records are taken from the public records which are open to everyone, and every courtesy will be shown to all who wish to verify this statement.

I am making no boast in reference to the matter. I have never used the fact as political capital and do not desire to do so now, but it might help the people of Gratiot county some in their decision in reference to my fitness, to know that as a patriotic duty, although exempt, I enlisted in the World War and remained until its close, and am now a member of the American Legion.

I have never been any respecter of persons in my enforcement of law. The rich and the poor, the high and the low, all look alike to me. Whatever the offense against law, whether it be liquor, the indiscriminate sale of cigarettes or any other offense, no person has ever made any complaint which has not received prompt attention and the policy of this office will continue along this line.

In my selection of persons to help enforce the laws, I shall try to pick out men of experience, good judgment, fearless and willing to work.

I know the difficulties, the dangers, the oftentimes disagreeable nature of the work to be done. I have seen it from the inside. I think the record above shows that we have enforced all laws, not one alone, and more than half the convictions are for the breaking of laws other than the liquor laws.

As deputy sheriff in the south part of the county and as undersheriff I have done my full share of this work and right in this connection I want to pledge to the people of Gratiot county that, if elected, I will administer the office of sheriff so as to enforce the liquor laws; to enforce all other laws impartially and without fear or favor; economically, making the office self-supporting if possible.

Finally, I will give by WHOLE TIME to this work and have NO SIDE ISSUES which might interfere with the proper or impartial discharge of my duties.

EARL WILLERT, Candidate for Sheriff (Political Advertisement)

75-1-c Sell it—A classified ad in The Record will find the buyer—advertisement.

Sure thing, yes, we are going to vote for the little lady running for Register of Deeds on the Democratic ticket. She is certainly a hustler. She really acts as though she would appreciate votes. Yes I shall vote for her. I know she is qualified. (Political Advertisement)

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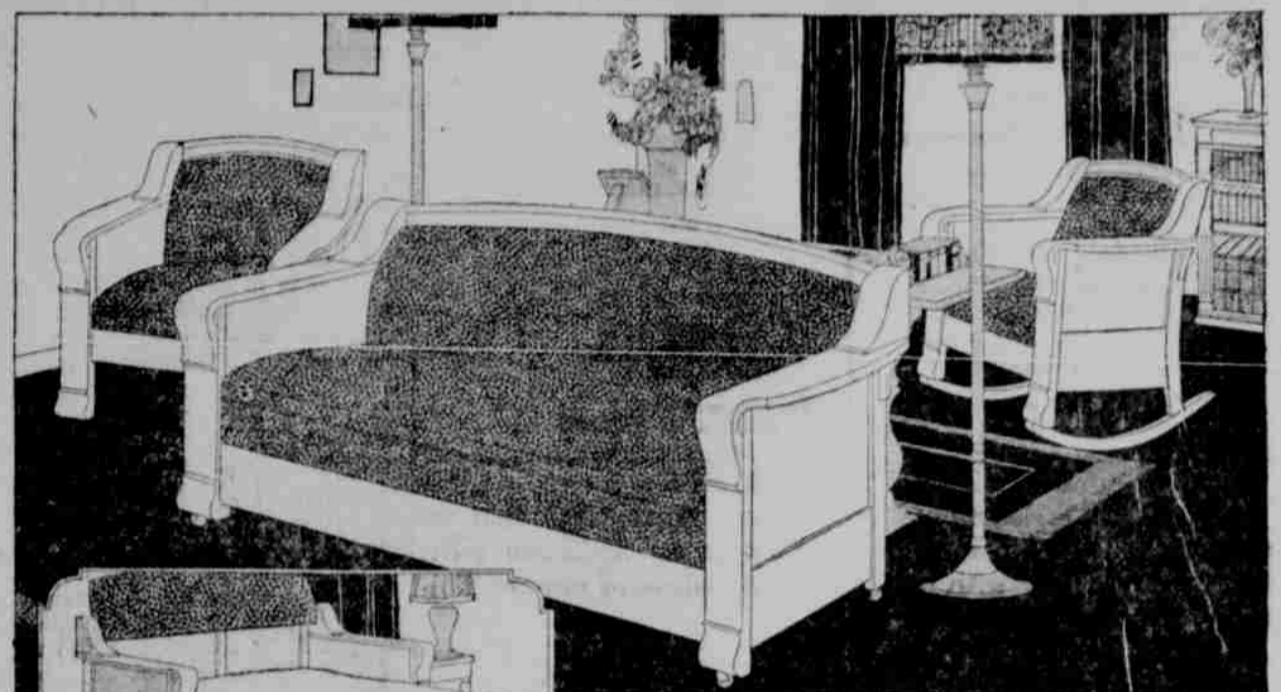
We would like to secure three copies of The Alma Record for Sept. 14th. The Alma Record.

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WE KIDS HAVE GOTTA GET TOGETHER AGAIN SOON.



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